

AMENDMENT

To the Bill offered by Mr. J. M. SMITH, to amend the Act to Organize Forces to Serve During the War.

[By Mr. McCALLUM.]

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do*
2 *enact*, That from and after the passage of this Act, all white men, resi-
3 dents of the Confederate States, between the ages of sixteen and fifty years,
4 shall be in the military service of the Confederate States for the war.

1 SEC. 2. That all persons aforesaid between the ages of seventeen and
2 eighteen shall be placed in service in the field with those between the ages
3 of eighteen and forty-five, and shall have thirty days to choose the arm of
4 service and the organizations they may prefer to enter: *Provided*, That
5 they shall be required to enter organizations from the States in which they
6 respectively reside.

1 SEC. 3. That all persons between the ages of forty-five and fifty shall
2 constitute the first class reserves for State defence and detail duty, as pro-
3 vided by existing laws, but may be required to perform service out of the
4 State in which they reside.

1 SEC. 4. That all persons between the ages of sixteen and seventeen, and
2 forty-five and fifty-five, shall enroll themselves and be organized into com-
3 panies, battalions and regiments, as required by the 5th and 6th sections of
4 an Act entitled "An Act to Organize Forces to Serve During the War,"

5 approved February 17, 1864, and shall be entitled to all the privileges of
6 said Act, and when organized, shall constitute the second class reserve
7 forces for State defence and detail duty; but they shall not be called into
8 active service, except in cases of great emergencies; nor shall they be re-
9 quired to serve out of the States in which they reside, nor longer under
10 any one call, or at any one time, than sixty days: *Provided*, That not
11 more than one-half of said second class reserves shall be in actual service
12 at the same time.

1 SEC. 5. Troops of the second class reserves shall have the privilege of
2 serving in mounted infantry upon their furnishing their own horses and
3 equipments—their horses and equipments being valued as under existing
4 laws, and if lost in the service, to be paid for as those of other mounted
5 men or cavalry.

1 SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the second class reserves, after their or-
2 ganization, to meet by companies, at stated times and places, not oftener
3 than once a month, to be designated by their officers, to drill under the su-
4 perintendence of persons familiar with tactics. They shall not be put in
5 actual service, until specially required by the President, and then he shall
6 designate the number of companies, battalions and regiments from any
7 given State, and the service upon which they are to enter.

1 SEC. 7. That from and after the passage of this Act, no white man,
2 resident of the Confederate States, between the ages of seventeen and
3 thirty, shall be exempt from military service, by reason of any occupation,
4 trade, calling or profession, except as provided by the second paragraph of
5 section 10th of an Act entitled "An Act to Organize Forces to Serve

6 During the War," approved February 17, 1864: *Provided*, That no per-
7 son shall be exempted by reason of being an officer of State militia: *Pro-
8 vided further*, That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to prevent
9 the President from detailing artizans, mechanics, or persons of scientific
10 skill, or other persons of skill and experience, to perform indispensable du-
.11 ties in the departments or bureaux, or otherwise, when the exigencies of
12 the government or the army may require them: *Provided*, That persons
13 of the requisite qualifications and skill over the age of thirty years cannot
14 be procured to perform the duties required.

1 SEC. 8. That all persons who, by existing laws, are exempted by reason
2 of any occupation, trade, calling or profession, shall be enrolled in the
3 second class reserves, and be subject to all duties of said class, except as
9 hereinafter provided.

1 SEC. 9. That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to grant
2 details, under general rules and regulations to be issued by the War De-
3 partment, of persons between the ages of thirty and fifty-five years, for
4 agricultural or mechanical purposes, in all cases when, in his judgment, the
5 interests of the government or the necessities of the country demand
6 them: *Provided*, That no person between the ages of thirty and fifty-five,
7 able to perform military duty, detailed as aforesaid, shall be exempt from
8 service in the second class reserves, except bonded agriculturists.

1 SEC. 10. That all laws now in force exempting persons from military
2 service on account of religious scruples or opinions, be and the same are
3 hereby repealed.

1 SEC. 11. That all midshipmen, over the age of sixteen years, be or-

2 ganized into a company, or companies, and required to perform military
3 service, but shall not be put into actual service until specially required by
4 the President, or General-in-Chief, or the General commanding the depart-
5 ment in which they may be situated.

1 SEC. 12. That all State cadets or students in military schools, over the
2 age of sixteen years, be organized into companies, and required to perform
3 military service whenever the President, General-in-Chief, or the General
4 commanding the Department in which they may be situated, may require
5 their services.

1 SEC. 13. That all laws now in force authorizing the Secretary of War to
2 grant exemptions to persons liable to military service to attend military
3 schools, or other institutions of learning, be and the same are hereby re-
4 pealed.

1 SEC. 14. That all laws now in force in conflict with the provisions of
2 this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.